GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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COMPUTER LITERACY AND STUDIES IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government including Kerala Government has submitted any proposal seeking financial assistance for the Government implementation of Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS);

(b) if so, the time by when the funds are likely to be released, State-wise including Kerala; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a): The Department of School Education & Literacy had introduced a Scheme `Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS)` during 1993-98 and a revised CLASS Scheme in 2001-02 to promote computer literacy in schools in the country. A new Scheme of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) @ Schools has been launched in December 2004 by merging the revised CLASS Scheme and `Educational Technology` Scheme. 30 State/UT Governments including the Government of Kerala have approached this Department for seeking financial assistance under the ICT @ Schools Scheme.

(b) & (c): A statement indicating the details of financial assistance released to 30 State / UT Governments since launching of the ICT @ Schools Scheme is at Annexure. An amount of Rs. 625 lakh has been sanctioned for Kerala State and an amount of Rs. 312.50 lakh has been released.